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Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Dan Dwyer, Trial Court Administrator  
  
Linda Edwards-Brown, Juvenile Center Administrator

DATE: March 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is requested the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator and the electronic submission of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant with the State of Michigan Department of Human Services for a total program cost of \$22,094 for the period April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010. The Board is asked to approve Washtenaw County's participation in the JABG initiative. Washtenaw County will serve as the fiduciary through the Trial Court-Juvenile Center.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002. Michigan's share of the JABG appropriation is \$1,239,300. The Department of Human Services is the state agency designated to administer Michigan's JABG funds.

In Washtenaw County, the only local unit of local government with an award allocation is Washtenaw County. The allocation of funds to local units of government is determined by a formula established by the federal government that considers a locality's total law enforcement expenditures and the number of violent crimes over the past three years. For fiscal year 2009/10, Washtenaw County is allocated \$22,094.

Each application must provide a Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition (JCEC) including, where practical, law enforcement, prosecutor, public defender, state or local probation services, juvenile court, victim services, schools, business, and religious affiliated, fraternal, nonprofit or social service organizations. Each application must provide a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime. Matching funds in

the amount of at least 10% of the total project are required. The proposal meets all of the federal requirements.

The intent of the JABG program is to promote greater accountability within the juvenile justice system. JABG funds must be used to address one or more of the sixteen program purpose areas described in the enabling legislation.

Program Purpose Areas include:

1.	Developing, implementing, and administering graduated sanctions for juvenile offenders.
2.	Building, expanding, renovating or operating temporary or permanent juvenile correction, detention, or community corrections facilities.
3.	Hiring juvenile court judges, probation officers, and court appointed defenders and special advocates, and funding pretrial services (including mental health screening and assessment) for juvenile offenders, to promote.
4.	Hiring additional prosecutors, so that more cases involving violent juvenile offenders can be prosecuted and backlogs reduced.
5.	Providing funding to enable prosecutors to address drug, gang, and youth violence problems effectively and for technology, equipment, and training to assist prosecutors in identifying and expediting the prosecution of violent juvenile offenders.
6.	Establishing and maintaining training programs for law enforcement and other court personnel with respect to preventing and controlling juvenile crime.
7.	Establishing juvenile gun courts for the prosecution and adjudication of juvenile firearms offenders.
8.	Establishing drug courts for juvenile offenders that provide continuing judicial supervision over juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems and the integrated administration of other sanctions and services for such offenders.
9.	Establishing and maintaining a system of juvenile records designed to promote public safety.
10.	Establishing and maintaining interagency information-sharing programs that enable the juvenile and criminal justice system, schools, and social services agencies to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision and treatment of juveniles who

	repeatedly commit serious delinquent criminal acts.
11.	Establishing and maintaining accountability based programs designed to reduce recidivism among juveniles who are referred by law enforcement personnel or agencies.
12.	Establishing and maintaining programs to conduct risk and needs assessments of juvenile offenders that facilitate the effective early intervention and the provision of comprehensive services, including mental health screening and treatment and substance abuse testing and treatment to such offenders.
13.	Establishing and maintaining accountability-based programs that are designed to enhance school safety.
14.	Establishing and maintaining restorative justice programs.
15.	Establishing and maintaining programs to enable juvenile courts and juvenile probation officers to be more effective and efficient in holding juvenile offers accountable and reducing juvenile recidivism.
16.	Hiring detention and correction personnel, and establishing and maintaining training programs for such personnel to improve facility practices and programming.

**DISCUSSION:**

This proposal represents the eleventh application for JABG funding in as many years. The coalition has elected to earmark its allocation for youth under the jurisdiction of the court. This application designates contractual monies to facilitate a curriculum for youth adjudicated on domestic violence charges as well as group programming for youth on Intensive Probation.

Utilizing the 2009 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) monies, the Washtenaw County Trial Court – Juvenile Division contracts for the continuation of domestic violence programming for adjudicated youth. This programming which includes a parental component allows for offender accountability and skill development to deter future violent confrontations. Separate and conjoint weekly sessions occur for youth and their parents over a period of 6-8 weeks. This grant will fund two groups, each group serving up to 10 youths and their parents, each group meeting for 16 sessions and 20 intake assessments. Contractual services will also continue group curriculum for our intensive probation population. Using the Balanced and Restorative Justice model, this curriculum will focus on empathy building/identification, community reparation and competency development. There will be four groups, each group serving up to 10 youths, will run the curriculum over ten weeks and 20 intake. JABG dollars will also provide supplies for JABG programming and Administrative costs related to the JABG grant.

**IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:**

None

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

The total program cost is \$22,094. The proposal requires 10% or \$2,209 in County matching funds. The local match is eligible for the 50% State Child Care Fund reimbursement. Therefore, the total cost to the County is \$1,105. This amount is available within the Child Care Fund.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:**

The grant allows for up to 5% of the JABG allocation to cover administrative costs.

**IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:**

The Washtenaw County Trial Court continues to develop innovative approaches to dealing with youth in the juvenile justice system. We accomplish this by facilitating cooperation and collaboration aimed at enhancing services. The end result is an increase in the effectiveness and efficiency of mandated services, which is one of the County's guiding principles.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:**

Conforms to County Policy

**ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:**

Budget

JABG Application

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,094 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO AMEND THE BUDGET, SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2009

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002 have appropriated funds for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is the designated state agency administering JABG funds; and

WHEREAS, the Trial Court wishes to continue providing programming for domestic violence youth and group curriculum for youth on intensive probation; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County was allocated \$22,094 with \$19,885 in grant funding and a local match of \$2,209; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways and Means Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratifies the Administrator's signature and the electronic submission of the application for funding to the Department of Human Services for a total program amount of \$22,094 for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, as on file with the County Clerk;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Ratifying the Administrator's signature on the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

**Trial Court – Family Division  
 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)  
 April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010  
 2810091800**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue:			
50000 Federal Revenue	\$0	\$ 19,885	\$ 19,885
<u>69500 Transfers In</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 2,209</u>	<u>\$ 2,209</u>
TOTAL	\$0	\$ 22,094	\$ 22,094
Expenditures:			
72600 Supplies	\$0	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
80000 Other services and charges	\$0	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
<u>94000 Internal Service Charges</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 994</u>	<u>\$ 994</u>
TOTAL	\$0	\$ 22,094	\$ 22,094